

(c) The decline in the rate of growth during April-June, 1991 was due to several factors. In some sectors, this was due to a shortage of raw materials, particularly imported raw materials, because of foreign exchange constraints. In some other sectors, the fall in growth rates may be attributed to the plateauing of demand after extremely high growth rates in previous years. The imposition of some specific import restrictions due to balance of payments considerations contributed to a slow down in the growth in some sectors. Some sectors were affected by infrastructure constraints such as power and coal shortages in some areas while Industrial relations problems affected some other sectors.

(d) Government has recently brought out a statement on Industrial Policy, which was tabled in the Lok Sabha on 24th July, 1991. The major objective of the new policy package will be to build on the gains already made, correct the distortions or weaknesses that may have crept in to maintain a sustained growth in productivity and gainful employment and attain international competitiveness. All sectors of industries whether small, medium, or large belonging to the public, private or cooperative sector will be encouraged to grow and improve on their past performance.

Storage Facility In Pauri and Chamoli districts of U.P.

2115. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether storage facility for fruits, vegetables and coarse grains is available in Pauri and Chamoli districts of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if not, the steps taken by the Government for proper storage of the said products in these districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b). The main central agencies engaged in the construction of storage capacity, namely, Central Warehousing Corporation, Food Corporation of India (primarily for capital use), National Co-operative Development Corporation and Ministry of Rural Development have not so far provided storage facilities for fruits and vegetables in districts Pauri and Chamoli. Central Warehousing Corporation and National Co-operative Development Cooperation can, however, consider any viable proposal formulated or recommended by the State Government in this matter.

As regards storage facilities for other products, including coarse grains, National Co-operative Development Corporation has extended financial assistance for the construction of godowns with an overall capacity of 12,000 tonnes in District Pauri and 2,400 tonnes in District Chamoli. The Ministry of Rural Development has also given assistance for the construction of a godown with a capacity of 3,000 tonnes at Kotdwar in District Pauri. Central Warehousing Corporation too has plans to build a warehouse of 5,000 tonnes capacity at Srinagar in the same district.

Industrial Growth centres scheme

2116. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a scheme of centrally sponsored industrial growth centres to develop infrastructure for the promotion of industrial development in the backward areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to include Mallapur town in Buldana